RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2875

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of Atty. Docket

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 13, 1006, of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-10 and 12-19.

[X] Please charge the fee of \$500.00 to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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